



THE DIRTY DIAMOND

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Hey, Charliel! Are you *in* there? I've got your mail!

Bang!
Bang!
Bang!

I wonder if he's OK?
It's been two days.

Have you seen Mr. Petersen?
He always waits for me...
I'm worried about him.

We'll go check
on him.

A black and white comic panel showing a man with a mustache and a young boy looking out from a doorway. The man is on the left, wearing a patterned shirt, and the boy is on the right, wearing a dark shirt. They are both looking towards the viewer with concerned expressions.

The door's unlocked.
Mr. Petersen, hello?
Are you here?

I'll check the
backyard, Dad!

A black and white comic panel showing a man lying face down on the ground in the foreground. In the background, a young boy is running away from the viewer towards a house. A window in the house shows a man standing in a dark room.

Dad! I found him out
back... I think he's dead.



Later that night



He's got two broken legs. In about three months, he should be in good shape. Thank God you found him.

3 months later

I wouldn't be here, if you folks hadn't found me.

We're glad to help you.

I bought you this cake from the store, Mr. Petersen.

I'm really touched by your kindness and to show my appreciation...

There's something I want to give you. Wait here... I'll be right back.

I almost forgot where I put it, but here it is.



It's been in my family for years and there's a story behind it...

that I want to share with you.

My great-great grandfather, Jedidiah, was an engineer in South Africa. He was searching for diamonds.



His son, Randolph, worked with him. One day when they were in an old, abandoned mine...

Each was in a different mine shaft.
The son saw something in the wall.



He called his father to come join
him and he started digging it out
when an earthquake hit.

There was a cave-in, and by the
time Grandpa Jedidiah got there...



Randolph was trapped under
a huge pile of dirt and debris...
trying to claw his way out...

Randolph's hand broke through...
and then stopped moving.



Jedidiah tried his best to dig
him out, but it was too late.

In his cold hand was a large, uncut
diamond. But what was *it* worth,
compared to the life of his only *son*?



Grandpa Jedidiah kept the stone
uncut to remind him of his son...
A tragedy he *never* got over.

He made a strange request in his will, that our family never appraise or cut that diamond.

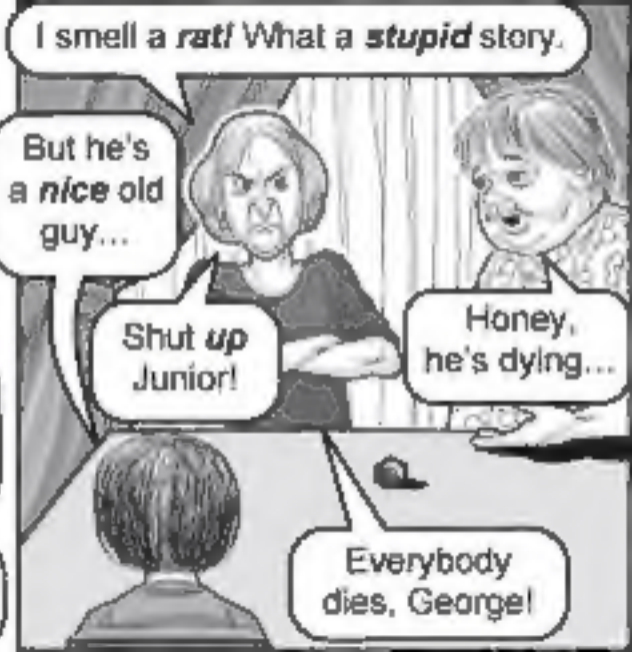


His request was honored, and by the time I got it... It looked dirty and worthless.

Just as I left the hospital, the doctors told me that I have inoperable cancer...



Since I have no kinfolk left, and no friends except you... I'd like you to have it. I only ask one thing...



That's the ugliest so-called diamond
ever saw It's only **glass**, you
Moron Take it back – This instant

I don't care! We're not spending our
hard-earned money to appraise this
junk! Tell him thanks but *no* thanks!



So the unwanted gift was returned
and shortly after, Mr Petersen died
So **who** got the dirty diamond?

6 months later


Good morning!

What are you doing over there? Old man Pelersen is dead

Yes we know


When he died he had no will so the state took possession of his property

You got a bum deal What's that old rundown dump worth? Bet it ain't much.



Oh On the contrary Madam,
going through his things we
discovered an uncut stone.

The "Dirty Diamond" he almost
dumped on us? We turned it
down. We're no fools!



Oh That was a bad
decision we were
amazed at its value

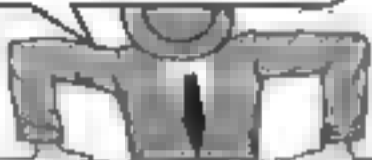
You're *kidding*.
What was it worth?

Just over 4 million dollars

YAAAAAH!



Good heavens she fainted



Mom! Mom!
Wake up



1 hour later

4 million
dollars 4
million lost
gone It was
in our hands
and now it's
gone *forever!*

I'll regret this the rest of my life

Honey We'll get over it

Maybe *you'll* forget,
but *I* never will

You've been through a very difficult time. But I see you could lose out on something *far* more valuable.

More than \$4 million?

Look, I'm a lawyer and I work with *wins* all the time.

Tell me more.

You haven't lost out yet.




I know of a will I can help you claim, and it's worth a lot more than that "Dirty Diamond"

It sounds great but how much is this gonna cost?



For you not a thing



Alright. we're
in... talk to me.

God prepared
a gift for you


What? God?
Are you nuts?

Shut up Liz. Don't
run this for us.

If you're
not careful,
you'll lose
out on
this, too

God made out a will. If you're *in*
it, you get eterna. life in heaven
and forgiveness of all your sins.

If it involves a will,
doesn't *somebody*
have to *die* first?




Yes. **God** died
Didn't you know that?

God died? Are you
crazy? When?

When Jesus came from heaven to
become a man we had God with us *
The Creator took the form of flesh **

*Matt 1:25 **John 1:14



Sin was the reason Jesus came
because sin was destroying
mankind Only God Almighty
could get rid of that filthy stuff

Do you know what it cost Him?

Everything! Jesus was sacrificed for our sins. Only God's blood could wash them away. This was the gift of God,



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
John 3:16

*Heb. 9:15-17

Jesus died, putting that will into effect.*

Then he rose from the dead and returned to heaven. Whoever **believes** and **receives Jesus** has a part in his will. They get **everything** Jesus promised.



Those that **don't** have all their sins revealed on Judgment day.

Your life is played back. **Everyone** will know **why** God won't allow you into heaven.



"... For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known." **Matthew 10:26**

And God will say to you, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."^{*}



***Matt. 25:41**

And you will be in the lake of fire forever. Unless...

Unless you take his love gift.

I want it! I want
God's gift! I want
to be in his will!

Then let's get it
settled... on our knees.

This family lost out on the "Dirty Diamond" – But they received the greatest treasure of all.

What about you?

The gift has been paid for.
All you have to do is take
it. It's free through faith
(believing Jesus).

"For by grace are ye saved through
faith, and that not of yourselves: it is
the gift of God: Not of works, lest any
man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

THE BIBLE SAYS THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN!

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6

NOBODY ELSE CAN SAVE YOU. TRUST JESUS TODAY!

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9

1. Admit you are a sinner. See Romans 3:10
2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent). See Acts 17:30
3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried and rose from the dead. See Rom. 10:9-10
4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Saviour. See Rom. 10:13

WHAT TO PRAY

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart as my personal Saviour.

If you trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

1. Read your Bible (KJV) every day to get to know Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. Tell others about Jesus Christ.

Here's help to grow as a new Christian! Read *The Next Step*, available at www.chick.com.

